

Piute County

FACTS



Updated February 2009

Population

As of July 1st	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total Population	1,366	1,368	1,373	1,385	1,447
% Change of the Prior Year	0.6%	0.1%	0.4%	0.9%	4.5%

Source: Utah Population Estimates Committee.

<http://governor.utah.gov/dea/datatables.html>

City Population

As of July 1st	2007
Circleville	463
Junction	163
Kingston	130
Marysville	336

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

<http://www.census.gov/popest/cities>

Labor Force

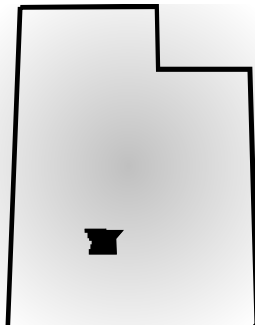
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007p
Labor Force	807	872	853	891	952
Employed	763	834	819	864	930
Unemployed	44	38	34	27	22
Rate	5.5%	4.4%	4.0%	3.0%	2.3%
Nonfarm Jobs	292	320	313	333	358
%Chng Prior Year	12.3%	9.6%	-2.2%	6.4%	7.5%
Mining	-	5	5	7	10
Construction	5	20	29	15	13
Manufacturing	2	3	4	3	4
Trade/Trans/Utilities	62	68	62	70	76
Information	-	-	-	-	-
Financial Activities	7	6	6	5	5
Profess/Business Svcs	-	-	-	2	3
Ed/Health/Social Svcs	19	24	25	25	26
Leisure/Hospitality	34	36	28	52	61
Other Services	4	4	4	7	7
Government	159	154	150	147	153
Agriculture*	3	3	3	3	3
Total Establishments	51	55	54	68	64
Total Wages (\$Millions)	5.4	6.1	6.8	7.0	7.7

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Workforce Information.

<http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalmis/gotoLaborforce.do>

<http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalmis/gotoIndustry.do>

* Jobs covered by unemployment insurance laws; not included in nofarm jobs total.



Piute County is one of the smallest counties in Utah. And, with a median age of 39 years, Piute County has, by far, the oldest population in Utah. Thanks primarily to the public school system, government contributes the most nonfarm jobs in the county. Keep in mind that because of its small size, small numeric changes can make large percentage changes.

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—Going strong in 2007

One of the difficulties in analyzing the economic realities of a county with a small population base is that small numeric changes can result in large percentage changes. In other words, growth or decline can be somewhat overstated. This is certainly true in Piute County. The addition of relatively small numbers of jobs can result in a wide fluctuation in growth rates. Also, a significant portion of the employment in the county—self-employed and agriculture—are not covered by the administrative processes used to collect jobs data. But, even keeping all these facts in mind, it's hard to complain about Piute County's 6-to-7 percent job growth in the last two years.

Population

According to recent estimates, Piute County won't be getting overpopulated any time soon. In 2007, the county grew a mere 0.9 percent—the third slowest growth in Utah. With just under 1,400 individuals living in its borders, Piute County population measures larger than only Daggett County.

Through the last 10 years, Piute County experienced net out-migration one year only to see net in-migration the next. However, with the exception of the past two years, out-migration has dominated the figures. But perhaps in-migration in 2006 and 2007 will prove to be the rule rather than the exception.

The Labor Market

A look at Piute County's job growth rates over the past decade and a half reveal a vast array of peaks and valleys. Job growth rates lead the state one year but are followed by a plunge into employment losses the next. Nevertheless, in both 2006 and 2007, the county's employment was on the upswing with growth in the 6-to-7-percent range. In fact, Piute County managed the third highest job-growth rate in the state during 2007.

More than one-third of the county's new positions were added in leisure/hospitality services. In addition, government and trade/transportation/utilities also generated

notable numbers of new positions. Construction lost jobs—but only two.

Piute County's nonfarm jobs are dominated by the government—which includes public education. Roughly 42 percent of all nonfarm employment in the county can be found in government offices and schools. Trade, transportation, and leisure/hospitality services also provide many jobs for many workers.

A large share of Piute residents commute to other counties for employment, so employment growth in neighboring counties as well as the expansion at home contributed to a drop in Piute County's unemployment rate. In 2007, joblessness measured a mere 2.3 percent—one of the lowest jobless rates in the state.

Wages

As a small county with few jobs in high-paying industries, Piute County shows a relatively low average monthly wage. In 2007, the county's average monthly wage of \$1,785 ranked as the lowest in the state. Moreover, it measured only 59 percent of the state average—the lowest level in more than two decades.

Currently, government maintains the highest average monthly wage in Piute County. When it comes to total wages, government also generates, by far, the largest share of any industry.

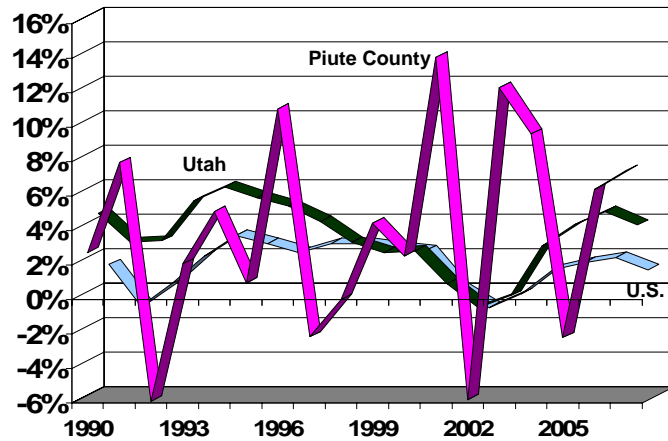
Other Indicators

Piute County did show a sizeable increase in gross taxable sales during 2007. Even in such a small county as Piute County, a 17-percent increase in sales represents a significant influx of spending dollars.

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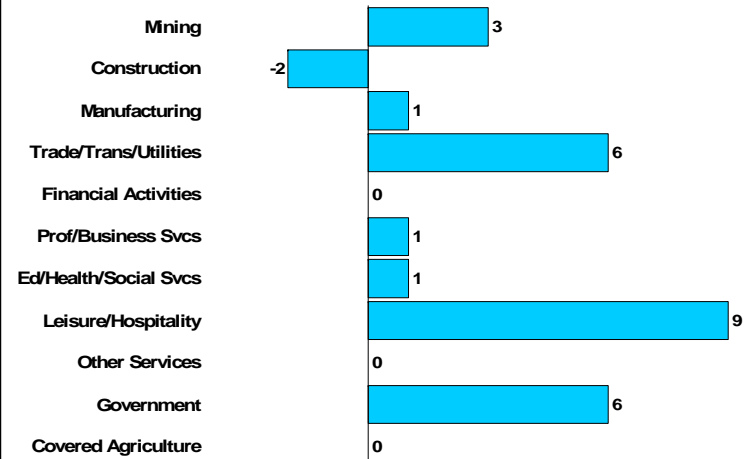
As Piute County started 2008, it ended (at least temporarily) its job-winning ways. March 2008 apparently ended Piute County's two-year employment expansion spree. In comparison with March 2007, employment dropped about 2 percent. Of course, Piute County does have a small population and labor market. That 2-percent decline translates into only six jobs.

Nonfarm Job Growth



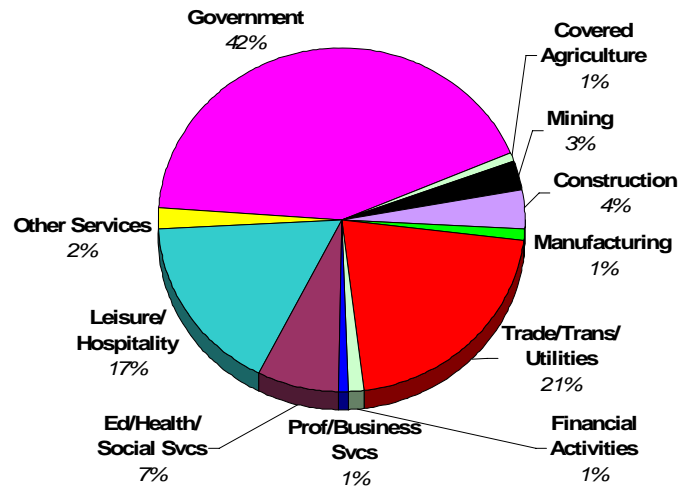
Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

2007 Piute County Numeric Change in Jobs by Industry



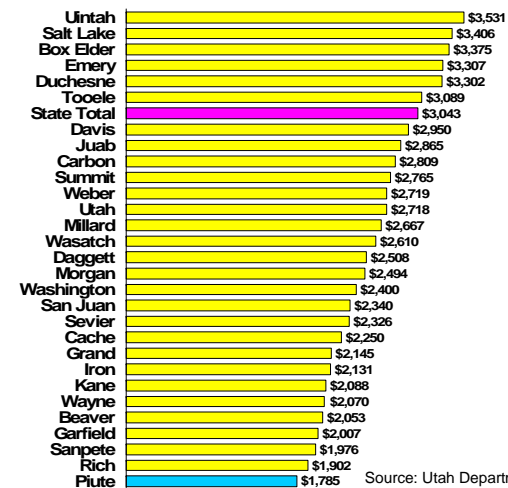
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2007 Piute County Jobs Distribution by Industry



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

2007 Average Monthly Wage by County



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

Income and Wages

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007p
Total Personal Income (\$Millions)	26.4	29.1	32.0	31.5	NA
Per Capita Income	19,325	21,128	23,457	23,460	NA
Median Household Income Estimates	29,195	32,225	32,862	34,964	34,610
Average Monthly Nonfarm Wage	1,546	1,621	1,809	1,765	1,785

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Census Bureau, Utah Department of Workforce Services.

<http://www.bea.gov/bea/regional/reis/>

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saiper/>

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Sales and Building

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Gross Taxable Sales (\$000s)	6,618	6,187	6,409	7,837	9,151
Permit Authorized Construction (\$000)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Residential Building Permits	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Residential Build Permits Value (\$000)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Source: Utah Tax Commission and University of Utah Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

<http://tax.utah.gov/esu/income>

<http://www.business.utah.edu/bebr/>

Demographics

	2000
Under 18	30.7%
65 years and over	17.1%
Median Age	38.9
Persons per Household	2.79
Persons per Family	3.25
Female-Headed Families	7.4%
High School Graduates	85.7%
College Graduates	14.1%
Labor Force	
Female Participation	42.6%
Male Participation	65.3%
Self-Employed	16.6%
Commute Time (minutes)	26.3
Median Family Income	\$35,147
Median Earnings	
Male, full-time, year-rnd	\$26,771
Female, full-time, yr-rnd	\$18,438
Persons Below Poverty	16.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>

Largest Employers

Piute County School District
 Dalton Brothers Trucking
 Piute County
 Storm Ridge Ranch School
 State of Utah
 Circleville Café
 Flowers of Utah
 The Tomato Vine
 Unico
 Butch Cassidy's Hideout
 K and C Minimarts
 Big Rock Candy Mtn Resort
 Hoover's Café
 BC Construction and Demolition
 Federal Government
 State Bank of Southern Utah
 Otter Creek RV Park and Marina
 Red Rock Express

Source: Utah Dept. of Workforce Services.

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Other

Population by Race	2000
White	93.3%
Black	0.1%
American Indian	0.9%
Asian	0.2%
Pacific Islanders	0.0%
Other	0.9%
Hispanic/All Races	4.5%

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